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OES FOR DR. SCHEINMAN

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: TECHNICAL REPROCESSING TEAM VISIT

REF: SCHEINMAN-BLEHA JUNE 17 TELCON

1. EMBOFF REVIEWED CONTENTS OF REF TELCON WITH KAWASAKI
(DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, ATOMIC ENERGY
BUREAU) OF STA. ON ACCESS TO DOCUMENTS, KAWASAKI
SAID THEY HAD JUST RECEIVED FRENCH APPROVAL OF
FOLLOWING TEXT OF "PARAGRAPH TWO" (WHICH SCHEINMAN
REFERRED TO AS ARTICLE THREE):

QUOTE. THE AIM OF THE US MISSION BEING MAINLY TO
EXAMINE SAFEGUARD MEASURES AND TO EXPLORE ALTERNATIVE
MODES OF OPERATION ON TOKAI MURA REPROCESSING PLANT,
INCLUDING CO-PROCESSING, THEIR ACCESS TO THE
PREMISES SHALL NOT BE LIMITED. ACCESS TO DOCUMENTS
BY THE TEAM SHALL BE PERMITTED IN PRINCIPLE BY
SAINT GOBAIN NUCLAIRE (SGN) IN ORDER TO ATTAIN ABOVE
MENTIONED AIM. AND ANY TRANSMISSION OF DOCUMENTS
SHALL BE CHECKED BY SGN IN ADVANCE. END QUOTE

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THIS KAWASAKI INTERPRETED TO MEAN THAT ALL DOCUMENTS
WOULD BE AVAILABLE IN PRINCIPLE, AND HE HOPED USG COULD
ALSO AGREE.

2. AS TO QUESTION OF WHO WILL DETERMINE WHAT PORTIONS OF
FINAL REPORT CONTAIN SGN PROPRIETARY INFORMATION (WHICH
SCHEINMAN REFERRED TO AS ARTICLE SIX), KAWASAKI SAID

OFFICIALS OF JAPAN'S POWER REACTOR AND NUCLEAR FUEL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (PNC), OWNER OF TOKAI MURA REPROCESSING PLANT, WOULD DECIDE WHICH PORTIONS CONTAINED PROPRIETARY INFORMATION AND THESE PORTIONS WOULD BE PASSED TO SGN PERSONNEL FOR REVIEW. KAWASAKI ADDED THAT SOME SEVEN PNC EXPERTS WOULD BE ON JAPANESE SIDE OF JOINT INSPECTION TEAM.

3. KAWASAKI SAID HE HOPED THESE CLARIFICATIONS WOULD MEET CONCERNS OF US GOVERNMENT. HE ADDED THAT JAPANESE REPRESENTATIVES IN PARIS WOULD AWAIT SIGNAL OF US ACCEPTANCE AND SIGN AGREEMENT WITH FRENCH FOLLOWING DAY.

4. KAWASAKI SAID IT WAS ALSO HIS HOPE THAT US TEAM COULD ARRIVE IN TIME TO BEGIN FOURTEEN-DAY SCHEDULE PROPOSED BY JAPANESE ON JUNE 23. HE SAID HE, TOO, WAS UNCERTAIN WHETHER FINAL REPORT COULD BE COMPLETED IN FINAL FOUR DAYS ALLOTTED.

5. COMMENT. IF PROVISIONS OF AGREEMENT ARE NOW ACCEPTABLE TO USG, WE RECOMMEND THAT FULL WRITTEN TEXT, AS WE APPROVE IT, BE PROVIDED TO JAPANESE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AND TO EMBASSY TOKYO TO PREVENT ANY POTENTIAL MISUNDERSTANDINGS STEMMING FROM MANY CONVERSATIONS AMONG SEVERAL PARTIES INVOLVED AND SEVERAL MEANS OF COMMUNICATION USED.
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